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1. The reply filed on November 18, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the amendment is still informal. The amended claims are all new to the patent and should not contain bracketed words. The amendment is NOT a *bona fide* response to the last office action because the last action specifically stated that claims new to the patent should not have bracketing. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

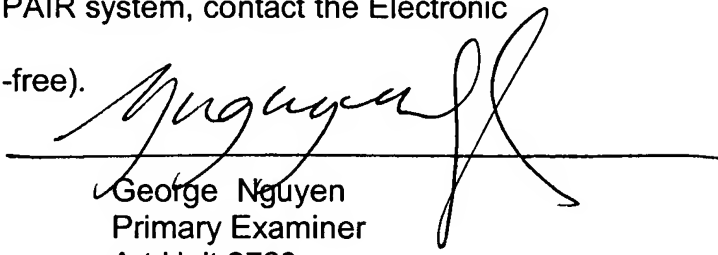
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Nguyen whose telephone number is 703-308-0163. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday/630AM-300PM.

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